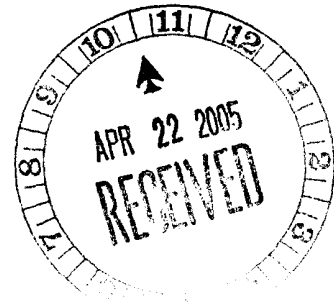




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VIA UPS OVERNIGHT MAIL

April 21, 2005

Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Surface Transportation Board ("STB") Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 413X); BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") Abandonment between Stillwater, Minnesota

Dear Secretary Williams:

On May 10, 2004, BNSF filed a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon or discontinue service of approximately 0.99 mile line of railroad between railroad milepost 11.81 and railroad milepost 12.80 in Stillwater, Minnesota. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 55082. By decision served May 28, 2004, the STB granted the exemption authority to abandon effective June 29, 2004.

Winter weather conditions have hampered the ability to conduct salvage activities. Accordingly, BNSF requests an extension of the consummation deadline until December 31, 2005.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 347-8667.

Sincerely,

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